

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

October 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Erin Vaughan, Robert Sylvestre, Gary Stott and David Boyle. Commission member Roy Coulombe was absent from this meeting.

The Commission members reviewed the minutes for the September 10, 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Member David Boyle to accept the September 10, 2008 minutes and the motion was seconded by Member Gary Stott.

There have been no Director's Reports for the past two (2) months.

Commissioner's Reports:

Saylesville – Paul Hetu – Everything looks nice. The grass and playground equipment are in good shape.

Lonsdale – Roy Coulombe – No report.

Albion – Erin Vaughan – No more vandalism. Everything looks good.

Manville – Robert Sylvestre – There is a lot of soccer going on. They scarified the fields one last time.

Fairlawn – Gary Stott – The skateboard park is still very busy. The fields look great. There is a business (marina) near the access road off Smithfield Avenue and they have boats on both sides of the road,

a large dumpster and a storage unit with graffiti on it – it's just a major eyesore.

Limerock – David Boyle – Everything looks good. It's all soccer right now.

Quinnville – Kevin Bryson – Not much activity. The field is being used for football right now. The park sign has not been replaced yet!!

Old Business:

The Commission Members discussed the condition of the Middle School field. When it rains the field floods, there are rocks everywhere all along the sides of the field and there are a lot of people tripping over the sprinkler heads. Chairman Kevin Bryson did speak with Angelo last year regarding these issues and Angelo said he was going to put more top dressing down on the field and he did not. Chairman Kevin Bryson stated he will get a hold of Angelo and discuss these concerns with him.

The rims in the new basketball court at Lonsdale are different heights. One is measured at 10 ft. 2 in. and the other at 10 ft. 5 in. The quality of the rims is also poor. There are also no squares on the backboards.

The Commission Members feel that the old backstop poles at Chet Nichols Field are a safety issue and need to be taken down!! They also pose as an eyesore.

New Business:

John Sharkey was present at the meeting to speak with the Commission Members regarding Lincoln Little League and Lonsdale. Chairman Kevin Bryson stated that he feels that even though the field is on town property it belongs to the Little League. Therefore, he feels that the Little League should name the field. John Sharkey was also in favor of the Little League naming the field. A motion was made by Member Paul Hetu to accept the Lincoln Little League naming the Lonsdale field and Member Robert Sylvestre seconded this motion. The motion was carried with a 6-0 vote. John Sharkey gave the Commission Members updates on the Lonsdale field: the grass has been cut, waiting for a mason, pricing for fencing on batting and bullpen cages, the dugouts will be done by the winter and the announcers' booth is going to be done after the spring. Commission Member Gary Stott asked John Sharkey why the fencing around the field is 6 feet and he stated this is for security purposes, to keep people and animals out when the field is not in use. Tower Construction will be building the concession stand. Apparently, they have been giving the Town a hassle and not starting on the dates when they said they would. There is also a serious problem with water pressure. A booster system will need to be installed within the concession stand to help alleviate the low water pressure. It is imperative that everyone stay on top of this issue.

Chairman Kevin Bryson spoke with Town Administrator Joseph Almond and he stated that the Town will have an opening ceremony for the Lonsdale field once the concession stand is built, hopefully in

a month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Member David Boyle and seconded by Member Robert Sylvestre.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.